

Appln. No. 10/044,281  
Supplemental Amendment dated January 12, 2004  
Reply to Office Action of July 8, 2003

### REMARKS

Claims 1-30 are pending in this application. Claims 3, 6 and 8-11 have been amended. Claims 1, 12, 13, 20 and 30 remain independent.

This Supplemental Amendment is being filed further to the Amendment filed on January 8, 2004. By this Supplemental Amendment various claims have been revised to make a minor change of form; "ink supply port" has been changed to --ink supply portion--.

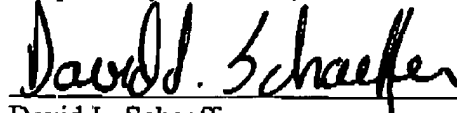
As these changes involve matters of form only, the arguments set forth in the January 8 Amendment remain valid and are incorporated by reference herein.

Applicants have made a diligent effort to place this application in condition for allowance and submit that the claims are in condition for allowance. If for any reason, however, the Examiner should deem that this application is not in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number listed below to resolve any outstanding issues prior to issuing a further Office Action.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee now or hereafter due in connection with the prosecution of this application to Deposit Account No. 19-4709.

Prompt and favorable consideration are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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